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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Office of General Counsel

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FROM

SA to the DCI for Compartmentation

SUBJECT

: NdAs -- Paper or Microfilm?

1. You have a draft memorandum from me asking for your comments. The paper deals with our inability to create a single file for the presumed APEX Nondisclosure Agreement. In considering your comments, please deal explicitly with the legal sufficiency of a microfilm copy of a Nondisclosure Agreement. The Department of Defense now microfilms 4066's and even those are held but briefly (in terms of the life of an individual who might sign one) because of storage problems. I need to be able to state that in the opinion of the legal advisors to the DCI, the NdA must be preserved in paper or, in the legal opinion of the advisors to the DCI, a microfilm copy is perfectly satisfactory.

If the microfilm copy is satisfactory (that is, legally sufficient), my whole bloody concern about who holds the original is wiped out, and I am reasonably sure that I. would be able to get microfilm copies for a central file

if one is deemed useful.

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